

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: John, Darlene, Bob, Willi, Al, Melinda, Mike, Paul, Brian, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Linda, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, Jim, Glenn and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. May 29</u>	10:00 AM Women of Faith General Meeting – All Are Welcome 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
<u>Tues. May 30</u>	7:00 AM Rotary 9:30 AM Chair Yoga
<u>Wed. May 31</u>	9:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group
<u>Thurs. June 1</u>	9:45-11:45 AM Alzheimer’s Group 11:00 AM Spruce Lodge - Worship 12:00 Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice
<u>Sun. June 4</u>	10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Hour

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Mervyn Dietz	Reader: Marilyn Wells
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team	Counter: Mary-Lou Drown Team
Altar: Irene Ehgoetz	



Sunday, May 28, 2023

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Organist

Pianist

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

GATHERING

Prelude

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Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn 400: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/aY0ikqXHifQ?feature=share>

Hymn 458: "Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"

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Choir Anthem: "Day by Day"

- Martin How

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Hymn 729: "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

Dismissal

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Postlude

Zion Lutheran Church welcomes our **visitors and guests**. We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. *Please sign our guest register and make yourself known to Pastor Jeff.* We hope that you will plan to be with us, again, at your earliest opportunity.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord's Supper in a continuous fashion. Trays holding individual cups of wine are on stands at either side of Pastor Jeff for those wishing to receive wine. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the center aisle.

Please note that masks are now "optional or personal preference". Disposable masks remain at all entrances for those wishing to continue to wear one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A *special welcome* to all who worship with us on this **Confirmation Day** at Zion Church. You bless us with your presence on this very special day in the life of our community of faith.

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Our confirmands affirming their baptism today are: ***Macy Kollman, Summer Kollman, Mayla Laukka, Carson Neumeister and Rylee Neumeister.***

Following today's worship service, the confirmands will gather at the altar with Pastor Jeff for pictures.

FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK: This morning we say "Good Bye" to Sandra Mogensen and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavours. "Thank You" Sandra for sharing your amazing talent during our weekly worship here at Zion. It has been greatly appreciated!

WOMEN OF FAITH: REMINDER! The Women of Faith are inviting anyone interested in hearing **Sara Kunitz from "Stratford Connections Center"** to come out to their **next general meeting tomorrow, Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

This Center, located in the basement of St. Paul's Anglican Church, offers a warm place out of the cold, as well as an opportunity to connect with trained staff and community supports. Support is given to those who are homeless; suffer with addiction issues; and mental health issues.

Refreshments will be served. They look forward to seeing you!



JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR: The next Coffee Hour will be hosted by your Congregational Life Committee on **Sunday, June 4th** immediately following worship.

JAZZ VESPERS WITH PAUL SHILTON: The next Jazz Vespers at St. James Anglican Church, Morning Street will be on **Sunday, June 4th at 4:00 P.M.** featuring the Paul Shilton Quartet: Paul Shilton, piano; Larry Larson, trumpet; Mike McClellan, bass; Dave Campion, drums.

QUILTS FOR SALE: There still remains a large selection of quilts for sale which are on display in the Parlour. If someone you know is having a baby or has just had a baby, there are some cute quilts available for their crib. Feel free to contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878 for more information or to purchase a beautiful quilt.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study continues on Thursdays at noon in the Parlour. If any one is wanting to explore God's Word and what it means for us in our daily lives as Christians, bring your lunch and come out and join us. For further information, please speak with Pastor Jeff.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received an updated list of items which are currently needed at the House of Blessing. To help the House of Blessing with their significant increase in the number of people using their services since this time last year, as you are able, if you could bring personal hygiene items – mostly shampoo, conditioner and deodorant for those living outside for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.
